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SUBJECT: UNEP OZONE MEETING

REF: NAIROBI 13544

1. WE CAN ACCEPT THE FIRST FIVE ARTICLES OF UNEP-USG AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN UNEP DRAFT IV, DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1976, AS AMENDED BY THE INSERTIONS PROPOSED IN STATE 281764, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY UNEP. WE ALSO ACCEPT THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN REFTEL DEALING WITH THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ISSUE. LASTLY, WE AGREE THAT THE AGREEMENT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FORM OF A LETTER EXCHANGE BETWEEN PERMREP AND MUNRO. STARTING AT PARA 3, WE INCLUDE THE FULL TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT AS WE BELIEVE IT IS NOW AGREED.

2. ONE POINT IS, HOWEVER, STILL OF CONCERN TO US: THE ISSUE OF THE LANGUAGES TO BE USED IN THE MEETING. AS DISCUSSED IN STATE 225010 AND NAIROBI 9880, WE BELIEVE AGREE-
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MENT HAS BEEN REACHED TO COVER FRENCH, ENGLISH, SPANISH,

AND RUSSIAN AS NEEDED, WITH CONTINGENCY PLANS TO COVER CHINESE ALSO IF NECESSARY. THE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE I, PARA 4 OF THE UNEP DRAFT COULD, HOWEVER, BE INTERPRETED TO COMMIT US TO COVER ARABIC ALSO, SINCE THAT IS AN OFFICIAL

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UN LANGUAGE, ALBEIT NOT UNEP. WE ARE UNABLE FOR FINANCIAL REASONS COVER ALL SIX UN LANGUAGES. WE LEAVE IT TO PERMREP AS TO HOW TO RESOLVE THIS, BUT THE BEST OPTION WOULD SEEM TO BE TO CHANGE THE WORDING OF ARTICLE I, PARA 4 TO READ "THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COVERING THE ATTENDING STATES WILL BE USED AS THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING."

3. QUOTE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS OF A MEETING ON THE OZONE LAYER 1-9 MARCH 1977

WHEREAS THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP) HAS REQUESTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONVENE A MEETING ON THE OZONE LAYER; THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (GOVERNMENT) HAS AGREED TO THE REQUEST OF UNEP TO HOST THIS MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE GOVERNMENT AND UNEP HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

MEETING, PARTICIPATION, TIME AND PLACE

1. A MEETING ON THE OZONE LAYER WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C. UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNEP.

2. PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING SHALL BE OPEN TO THE EXPERTS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING AND POSSIBLY OTHERS UPON INVITATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP:

(A) MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED
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AGENCIES AND THE IAEA

(B) THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

(C) THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

(D) THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(E) COUNCIL OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

(F) UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

- (G) UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
- (H) UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA AND PACIFIC
- (I) UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
- (J) UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WEST ASIA
- (K) THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
- (L) THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATION SCIENCE AND CULTURAL

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ORGANIZATION

(M) THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

(N) THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

(O) THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

(P) THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SCIENTIFIC UNION

(Q) THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

3. THE DURATION OF THE MEETING SHALL BE FROM 1-9 MARCH 1977.

4. THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE UNITED NATIONS COVERING THE ATTENDING STATES WILL BE USED AS THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING.

II OBJECTIVES

1. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF THE OZONE LAYER, IDENTIFY RELATED ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS AND AGREE ON A DIVISION OF LABOUR AND A CO-ORDINATING MECHANISM FOR, INTER ALIA, THE COMPILATION OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS AND THE COLLECTION OF RELATED INDUSTRIAL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMERCIAL INFORMATION.

2. THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME SHALL REQUEST THE EXPERTS DESIGNATED BY GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE BEFORE THE MEETING A REPORT OUTLINING:

ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS IN THIS FIELD AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE CAPABILITY OF THE COUNTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES OF RESEARCH ON STRATOSPHERIC OZONE AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF ITS MODIFICATION THAT MIGHT BE AGREED UPON AT THE MEETING.

3. FURTHERMORE, UNEP SHALL REQUEST THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THE FIELD OF STRATOSPHERIC OZONE TO PREPARE SCIENTIFIC PAPERS.

III SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY UNEP

1. UNEP SHALL PROVIDE AND DEFRAID THE COSTS OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEETING:

(A) THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE UNEP SECRETARIAT AS REQUIRED.

(B) THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR USE AS THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS AT THE MEETING.

(C) THE TRANSLATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUMMARIES OF THE AGENCIES BACKGROUND PAPERS INTO THE LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH - I.5. ABOVE.

(D) THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING AND ITS REPRODUCTION.

IV CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE MEETING

1. THE GOVERNMENT SHALL ACT AS HOST TO THE MEETING.

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2. THE GOVERNMENT SHALL PROVIDE AND DEFRAID THE COSTS OF:

(A) APPROPRIATE PREMISES IN WASHINGTON D.C. FOR THE HOLDING OF THE MEETING, INCLUDING A LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM FOR PLENARY MEETINGS WITH ADEQUATE SEATING FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING (ESTIMATED BY UNEP AS ABOUT 100-150), AS WELL AS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS; AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF SMALLER ROOMS FOR WORKING GROUPS, DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND PRIVATE MEETINGS OF PARTICIPANTS, APPROPRIATE PREMISES AND ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE OFFICES, AND FOR THE OTHER WORKING AREAS OF THE BUREAU, AND SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE, INFORMATION MEDIA AS REQUIRED, DOCUMENTS RE-PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

(B) ADEQUATE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PREMISES REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE, TO BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH PREMISES FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING.

(C) SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION AND AMPLIFICATION EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS TAPE RECORDER AND TAPES, AND TECHNICIANS TO OPERATE THEM, AS REQUIRED BY THE MEETING IN THE WORKING

LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING.

(D) THE SERVICES OF AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS FOR INTERPRETATION FROM AND INTO THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING.

(E) THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECRETARIAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF THE MEETING, INCLUDING REPRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WORKING PAPERS AND OTHER MEETING DOCUMENTS.

(F) POSTAL TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES AT USER'S COST. THE GOVERNMENT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE A FIRST AID

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STATION AT THE SITE OF THE MEETING AND IF POSSIBLE
BANKING FACILITIES.

V POLICE PROTECTION
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THE GOVERNMENT SHALL FURNISH, AT ITS EXPENSE, SUCH POLICE PROTECTION AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF THE MEETING.

VI OTHER

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY OTHER MATTERS WILL BE DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE UN HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT. UNQUOTE.
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